



March 2014

*A Celebration of Service for Susan Bartley*



On February 13, 2014 DCS lost one of our own, Susan Bartley.

Susan had dedicated her life to child welfare. And while Susan lost her battle with lung cancer she never lost a battle for “her kids.”

Susan had spent her entire career, just shy of 20 years, at the DCS St. Joseph County office. She began as a Caseworker V for the Welfare Department in August of 1987. Then she became a Family Case Manager 2 (FCM) in 1994 and worked in the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) department. From there she moved onto the Adoption Team where she remained as the Adoption FCM for her career.

Susan was a valued part of the DCS St. Joseph Office family and dedicated to making each child on her case load the best life possible. Susan was well respected by the community, her peers and most of all the children she served.

There are countless examples of how her devotion, caring and service made a difference for a child. A few of those stories were shared by the DCS St. Joseph office

staff at a Memorial Service on February 25 led by Local Office Manager, Linda Cioch. It gave everyone a chance to celebrate Susan's life.

But Susan would not want us to talk about her. She was a very private person and "her kids" were first and foremost.

DCS will honor her privacy, but would also like to thank her for a lifetime of service to the children of St. Joseph County.

Susan is survived by her husband Paul, their blind dog Pearl, and their cat Lola. The St. Joseph DCS office is currently taking up a collection to buy a tree for Paul to plant, to symbolize an extension of Susan's life. If you would like to make a contribution, contact Janet Rathberger at [Janet.Rathberger@dcs.IN.gov](mailto:Janet.Rathberger@dcs.IN.gov) or Gloria Maples at [Gloria.Maples@dcs.IN.gov](mailto:Gloria.Maples@dcs.IN.gov).

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